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CHILHAM HOUSE - 1772 - Jones Road, north side, Bradshaw. Original old stone structure stood on a former route of the Post Road to Philadelphia, and was said to have been a tavern. Modern masonry additions and large brick chimneys. Paneled interior, large brick fireplace, thick walls, original glass windows. Attractively landscaped and set on high ground overlooking Little Gunpowder Falls. Owned by Digges family, who selected the name Chilham. Not found in 1798 tax account of Annanias Divers. The property had \$100 worth of improvements in 1819. A stone dwelling was advertised in American, June 16, 1838.

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1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Baltimore TOWN Bradshaw VICINITY Dist. XI STREET NO. Jones Road ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE WALL CONSTRUCTION NO. OF STORIES		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY BA-252257	
		2. NAME Chilham House DATE OR PERIOD 1772 STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC <p>Original old stone structure abutting on Old Philadelphia Post Road, said to have been a tavern. Modern masonry additions, and large brick chimneys. Panelled interior, large brick fireplace, thick walls, original glass windows. Attractively landscaped, on hilltop location overlooking the Big and Little Gunpowder Rivers.</p> <p>Owners, Mr. & Mrs. Llewellyn A. Digges.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(second HABS report) E. Frances Offutt HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY March 20, 1968</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior			
 6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER DATE OF RECORD	

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

Architect's Work Sheet for "Photo-data Books" (Part II)

"Chilham House"

Md. Bette Bradshaw

name of structure

state, county, township, locality, etc.

2 Story with attic - Original part gray stone

Later addition by present owners concrete block layout

GENERAL STATEMENT

Architectural interest and merit The combined original stone structure (a colonial tavern) with the larger addition erected by the present owners present a quaint colonial appearance.

Condition of fabric

In good condition.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

EXTERIOR

Overall dimensions

Original tavern 17 ft by 25 ft
Later addition 22 " " 32 "

Foundations Old part stone New part concrete - Neither has cellar
Oil barboard hot water heat throughout.

Wall construction

Original part thick stone walls stone said to be laid in "the Irish manner"
Later addition is concrete block painted white.

Porches, stoops, bulkheads, etc.

2 red brick platform porches edged around with gray stone
Both with hipped roof covering i.e. one running the length of the old building, the other south front door, the other at door on north side of building. There are 2 doors to outside on east end of new building.

Chimneys

One large red brick chimney on west side of original part.
One large chimney serving dining room and kitchen, with heatilator.

Openings - doorways and doors

In addition to the above four outside doors there are 10 inside doors and 8 doors to closets

windows and shutters

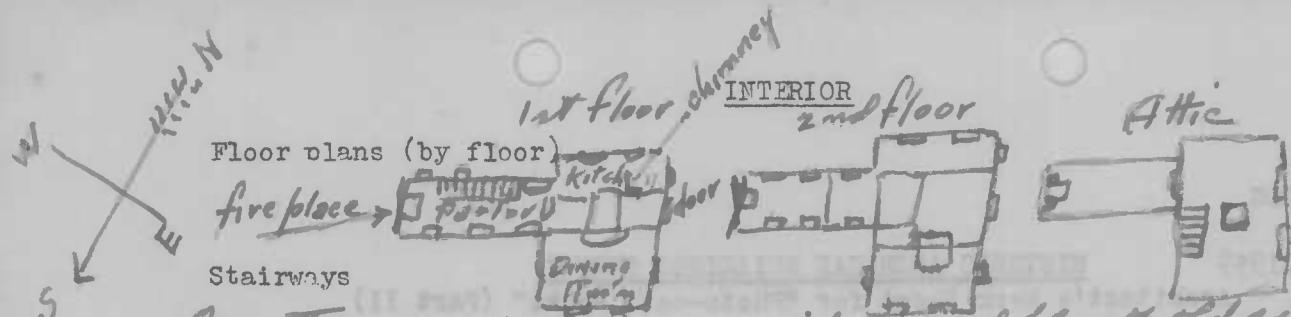
29 windows in both sections - No shutters.

Roof - shane, covering

New roof laid in 1964 - best fireproof composition replacing the previous cedar shingle roof. The shant and pitch of roof for both buildings coincide in one plane.

dormers, cupolas

No dormers, no cupolas.



One stairway rising from n. side ground floor of old section

One stairway rising from 2nd floor, new section to attic.

Flooring

Wide, random width original flooring in old section replaced by hardwood as floor was sagging and worn. Concrete flooring throughout on 1st floor of new section - and upstairs hardwood with

Wall and ceiling finish tile in bath.

Ponderosa pine paneling installed on 1st floor covering very thick plaster on stone walls which had no insulation

Doorways and doors

Batten doors (pine) throughout - with old fashioned hinges, deep window seats

Trim White on eaves, cornices, windows etc.

Hardware

Varied - Crane and split in large fireplace in old section

Lighting

Electric

Heating (fireplaces, stoves, central, etc.)

Hot water Central heat (bareboard) throughout from oil furnace

SITE

Orientation (by compass reading and general setting)

Home faces slightly east of south.

Enclosures (fences, etc.)

No fencing. Evergreen hedges are used. Several varieties of boxwood, yew, red cedar

Outbuildings

Small hip roofed concrete block barn painted white

Large garage - concrete block white - Both aluminum roofed.

Walks, driveways, etc.

White gravel driveway into the approximate 10 acres - Paths through gardens surrounding the house

Landscaping, gardens, etc.

Boxwood, yew, magnolia, cedar, balsam, Ligustrum, holly, pink, figs, mandarin, dogwood, flowering trees & shrubs etc. etc.

Prepared by Llewellyn A. Diggins

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

Historian's Work Sheet for "Photo-data Books" (Part I)

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Name of Structure

"Chilham House" *{ This name was given the house by present owners. }*

Address

E. side Jones Road Bradshaw Md.

State, county, township, locality, street address or location

Present Owner (give address)

Llewellyn A. & Nuncia L. Digges - Bradshaw, Md.

Present Occupant

the owners

Present Use

Home

Brief Statement of Significance (historical):

Built 1772 beside Old Philadelphia Post Road as a Tavern. Present driveway is part of that road. Imbedded in south wall are iron shafts which held the tavern sign. On Maryland House and Garden February 1962 - See their description attached.

PHYSICAL HISTORY (All statements shall be documented)

Original and subsequent owners -

Builder is supposed to have been Ananias Divers - 1772

Date of Erection

of original portion of building

Architect

of addition (built by present owner)

Builder, suppliers, etc.

Fitzpatrick - (deceased)

Original building 17 ft x 25 ft

Old fireplace

New addition 22 " x 32 "

Additional " 4 "

Original plans, construction, etc.

Old masonry

cut north end of present old building indicates there were other extensions to the original structure.

Notes on alterations and additions

The larger portion of the present house was built by present owners - Concrete block walls, 2 story and attic. Prof. continues same plan and line as original part. 18 windows in new part. Ground floor has dining room, kitchen, hall, utility room and 1st floor of new section. 2nd floor new section has 2 bedrooms, hall, stairway to attic and bath and attic above. Throughout both old and new parts batten doors with old style hinges are used, and on ground floor unfinished Ponderosa pine paneling is used throughout except in kitchen and utility room. Old part has 2 dormer to butt doors, 4 windows in old part 24 panes each (4 over 6) and upstairs 6 windows 20 panes each (4 over 5) with 1 bedroom, 1 library. Dormers, old part has 2 brick floor platforms retained by stone, without roof.

4. CHILHAM HOUSE, (1st floor only) the home of Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn A. Digges on Jones Road in Bradshaw, was built in 1772 of gray stone. Modern masonry of appropriate design and large red brick chimneys have been added. Originally a tavern, according to the embedded metal sign posts, it abuts on the old colonial Philadelphia Post Road, a part of which constitutes the present driveway. The paneled interior has a large brick fireplace with crane and spit, deep window seats, small-paned windows with some of the original glass, and an interesting old stairway to the library above. There are heirloom pieces of Sheraton and Chippendale furniture, family portraits and old silver. The grounds are attractively landscaped with contrasting masses of holly, magnolia grandiflora, yews, Maryland red cedar, candelabra boxwood, and various pines. In the hilltop fields overlooking the confluence of the Big and Little Gunpowder Rivers old English boxwood flourishes.

also 2 dormers to attic

HISTORICAL EVENTS CONNECTED WITH STRUCTURE

Earliest use as a Tavern on the then main highway from Baltimore to Philadelphia. The names of its colonial patrons are left to conjecture - Washington? Rochambeau? Lafayette?

Extensive gardens surround all four sides of house.

Important old views
(with location)

Sources of information
(with location)

Mr. Wm B. Maye of The Md. Historical Society told me he thinks this Tavern which we now call Chilham House "was built by Ananias Divers - a man of substance"

Likely sources not yet investigated

Title search to the possible ownership by Ananias Divers.

Prepared by

Date

Shirley D. Dineen
Aug 24 - 1965

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DOCUMENTATION

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